



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The health of the people is tied to the health of our forests; and
- WHEREAS: Trees and forests improve our physical health by cleaning the air, reducing exposure to the sun's UV rays, and decreasing temperatures during the summertime; and
- WHEREAS: Childhood asthma rates are lower in urban communities that have a higher density of trees; and
- WHEREAS: Trees and forests improve our mental health by reducing stress and increasing concentration; and
- WHEREAS: One tree provides \$62,000 worth of air pollution control over a period of 50 years; and
- WHEREAS: Forests create high-quality drinking water by acting as a natural filter; and
- WHEREAS: Getting a daily dose of trees is healthy for all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The last Friday in April, and throughout the month of May, Minnesotans pay special tribute to all the natural resources, and dedicate themselves to the continued vitality of Minnesota's forests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 2017, as:

ARBOR DAY

and the month of May 2017, as Arbor Month in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE